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SUBJ: MATTERS WHICH FRENCH ARE EXPECTED TO RAISE AT
MARTINIQUE: GOLD AND INFLATION

1. WE HAVE BEEN AUTHORITATIVELY INFORMED THAT WHEN PRESIDENT
GISCARD LEARNED OF SECRETARY SIMON'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON
THE SALE OF A PORTION OF U.S. GOLD STOCK, HE REACTED
WITH CONSIDERABLE IRRITATION, BECAUSE OF HIS EXPECTATION
THAT THIS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF DRIVING DOWN THE
MARKET PRICE OF GOLD, THEREBY REDUCING THE POTENTIAL
VALUE OF FRANCE'S GOLD RESERVES. WE BELIEVE THAT
GISCARD WILL RAISE THIS QUESTION AT MARTINIQUE.

2. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT, IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS
WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF OTHER EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS,
GISCARD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE ADVERSE EFFECT
ANTI-INFLATIONARY PROGRAMS IN THE U.S. AND GERMANY
COULD HAVE ON THE FRENCH ECONOMY. HE IS UNDERSTOOD TO
HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. AND GERMANY SHOULD
BEGIN REFLATING IN ORDER TO AVOID REINFORCING
RECESSIONARY TENDENCIES IN FRANCE AND OTHER EUROPEAN
ECONOMIES. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ALSO AN ISSUE
WHICH GISCARD IS LIKELY TO RAISE AT MARTINIQUE.

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